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Art Unit: 2776

For: **Texture Cache For A Computer Graphics Accelerator**

ATTN: Refund Section; Accounting Division; Office of Finance

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith, in connection with the above-identified application, are the following documents:

1. Request for Refund Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.26(a) including a copy of the original Small Entity Declaration as filed on April 7, 1998; and
2. One (1) Return Post Card.

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REQUEST FOR REFUND UNDER 37 CFR 1.26(a)

On November 19, 1999, a Preliminary Amendment was filed which added to the application twenty-two (22) additional claims, for a total of forty-one (41). This addition entailed \$189 in additional claims fees under a small entity status. The PTO charged our Deposit Account in the amount of \$378.00 on December 6, 1999.

Enclosed herewith as proof of Small Entity Status is a copy of the original Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status as filed on April 7, 1998.

Applicants' respectfully request that the excess charge of \$189.00 be credited to Deposit Account No. 03-3117.

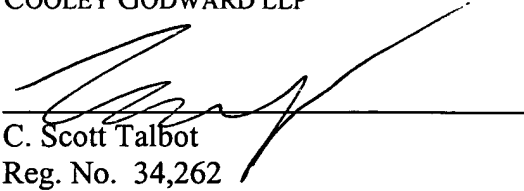
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For: TEXTURE CACHE FOR A COMPUTER GRAPHICS ACCELERATOR

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS

37 CFR 1.9 (f) and 1.27(c) - - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I hereby declare that I am an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF CONCERN: NVIDIA CORPORATION

ADDRESS OF CONCERN: 1226 TIROS WAY, SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA 94086

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons: For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year; and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention entitled TEXTURE CACHE FOR A COMPUTER GRAPHICS ACCELERATOR

by inventor(s) CURTIS PRIEM, GOPAL SOLANKI, and DAVID KIRK
described in

[X] the specification being filed herewith

[_____] application serial no. _____, filed _____

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and I have reviewed the document that evidences the conveyance of those rights. That
document

[X] is being filed herewith.

[_____] was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office on _____, 19 ____
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If the rights held by the above-identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below and **no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 347 CFR 1.9(d) or a non-profit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).**

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NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

[☐] Individual [☐] Small Business Concern [☐] Non-Profit Organization

NAME: _____

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

NAME OF PERSON SIGNING: CURTIS PRIEM

TITLE OF PERSON OTHER THAN OWNER: CTO

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SIGNATURE: *Curtis Priem* DATE: 4-3-98